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(57) ABSTRACT

A filter element may include a tubular member including an end portion at least partially defining an inlet port configured to provide flow communication to a filter medium of the filter element, and at least partially defining an outlet port configured to provide flow communication from the filter medium. The filter element may further include a filter medium associated with the tubular element, and an end cap associated with the end portion of the tubular member and the filter medium. The end cap may include a plate transverse to the longitudinal axis of the tubular member, and a sealing wall coupled to the plate and extending transverse to the plate. The sealing wall may include a seal portion configured to be compressed between a filter canister and a portion of a filter base to provide a seal between the filter canister and the portion of the filter base.

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